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LETTER DATED 4 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ETHIOPIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to attach a Press Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, on the further escalation of the war of aggression against Ethiopia by Eritrea.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulation as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Press Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia on 5 June 1998

In further escalation of the war of aggression against Ethiopia and at a time when Ethiopia has accepted fully the proposal submitted by the facilitators on the crisis between Ethiopia and Eritrea, instead of showing readiness for peace, the authorities in Eritrea have today (5 June 1998) carried out an air attack on Mekelle, wounding five persons. While this is, as already indicated, a further escalation of the war of aggression, it should come as no surprise because by now it should be clear that the irrationality in Asmara has no limits.

Accordingly, and in response to this Eritrean aggression Ethiopia has in self-defence taken limited measures against Asmara Air Force Base. Further details concerning this matter will be made public as and when they are available.